

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL GEWEX PROJECT OFFICE
Goddard Earth Sciences and Technology Center
University of Maryland, Baltimore County,
Baltimore, USA

The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) invite applications for the position of Director of the International GEWEX Project Office (IGPO) located in the Washington-Baltimore area. The Director of the Project Office takes a leading role in the development and implementation of the GEWEX Project, and in its international coordination.

Background:

The WCRP Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment (GEWEX) project was initiated in 1988 by the WCRP to observe and model the hydrologic cycle and energy fluxes in the atmosphere, and at the land and ocean surface. GEWEX is an integrated program of research observations, and science activities ultimately leading to the prediction of global and regional climate change. The IGPO is the focal point for the planning and implementation of all GEWEX projects and activities. For more information on GEWEX or the IGPO, visit the website at www.gewex.org or contact Dr. Robert Curran at tele: 410-455-8813.

Duties and responsibilities of the Director, IGPO:

The Director's primary function is to provide an effective executive arm of the GEWEX Scientific Steering Group and its panels and working groups. The Director will be required to :

- Oversee the development of plans for each of the project elements of GEWEX and the international coordination and implementation of these plans.
- Ensure that GEWEX develops as an effective component of the WCRP and as a contributor in the wider field of global change research.
- Maintain effective links between GEWEX as an international project and the countries that contribute to and benefit from GEWEX research.
- Ensure the timely flow of pertinent information to GEWEX participants, and relevant international scientific bodies; publish a regular newsletter; maintain a web site and produce communication material as appropriate.

- Represent GEWEX in various international fora and undertake appropriate negotiations with the sponsors of national or regional programmes, as well as promote GEWEX objectives and projects in the broader science community.
- Be responsible for the management of the Project Office Staff, budget and operations, in accordance with the procedures laid out by the hosting institution and those of the contributing agencies or organizations, and for maintaining adequate funding for the IGPO.

Qualifications:

Candidates should have demonstrated ability to conceive, organize and manage interdisciplinary and international science activities. Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and knowledge of national and international organizational structures in the climate sciences are essential. Candidates should have a PhD or equivalent, experience with global space observing systems, and working in a climate-related science.

Nature of the position:

The IGPO is hosted by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), as a part of the Goddard Earth Sciences and Technology (GEST) Center. The Director of the Office is presently assisted by one support scientist and one secretary. The Director of the IGPO is responsible to the Director of the WCRP for overall programmatic management of the IGPO and reports to the University on administrative matters. The appointment is to begin on 1 November 2003, or earlier, and extend until 10 May 2005, with possibility of extension. The position may be supported either by a national or international secondment, or via funds provided by NASA through the University. If the latter, the level of remuneration will be negotiated with the University according to qualifications.

Applications:

Letters of application should be accompanied by a full CV together with an explanation stating what unique qualifications the applicant believes he/she would bring to the position. Submissions should include the names of at least three references and be sent no later than 30 April 2003 to:

Dr. Robert Curran, Director
Goddard Earth Sciences and Technology Center
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Technology Center, South Campus, Room 3.002
1000 Hilltop circle
Baltimore, Maryland 21250
USA

The GEST Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Applications from women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged.